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HOUSE BILL 125

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

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AN ACT

RELATING TO VETERANS; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF HIGH SCHOOL  
DIPLOMAS FOR CERTAIN WORLD WAR II VETERANS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of the Public School Code is  
enacted to read:

"[NEW MATERIAL] HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS--WORLD WAR II  
VETERANS. --

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of the  
Public School Code, a local school board may issue a high  
school diploma to a World War II veteran who:

(1) is an honorably discharged member of the  
armed forces of the United States;

(2) was scheduled to graduate from high school  
after 1940 and before 1951;

1 (3) was a resident of New Mexico and attended  
2 a high school in the locality of the current school district;  
3 and

4 (4) left high school before graduation to  
5 serve in World War II.

6 B. A local school board may issue a high school  
7 diploma to a qualifying World War II veteran regardless of  
8 whether the veteran holds a high school equivalency diploma or  
9 is deceased.

10 C. The state board shall adopt and promulgate rules  
11 to carry out the provisions of this section, including:

12 (1) an application form to be submitted by the  
13 World War II veteran or a person acting on behalf of the  
14 veteran if the veteran is incapacitated or deceased; and

15 (2) what constitutes acceptable evidence of  
16 eligibility for a diploma."

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